

Chairman's statement on Drugs

(Text not to be distributed to the press)

The Heads of State or Government have examined the drug abuse problem, which causes a tragic loss of human life and now affects people all over the world, especially the young and their families. They emphasize the importance of undertaking a strategy in support of national, regional and multilateral campaigns in order to overcome this problem. They intend to continue their fight against illegal production and distribution of drugs and to create all necessary conditions for more effective international cooperation. They will also work for the eradication of illegal cultivation of natural drugs and for its replacement with other types of production which will further the aims of social and economic development. The leaders welcome the agreements already reached on bilateral and multilateral bases, and look forward with confidence to a successful international Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which the United Nations are convening next week in Vienna.

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